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2. *That the Pattazhi Desom lands should not be brought under the operation of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation, but registered in the names of the present holders.*

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai (Member, Pathanapuram Taluk) said that the Pattazhi Desom lands should not be brought under the operation of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation, but that they should be registered in the names of the present holders. The Member urged that much difficulty was experienced on account of the recent order of Government directing that these lands should be brought under the operation of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation.

Dewan's reply—Government consider that they are only in the position of Trustees in regard to the Pattazhi Devaswom, and, as such, what is best for the Devaswom has to be done. Test suits have been filed, and their result will be awaited.

3. *That, in the assignment of puthuval lands divide-plans should be previously prepared, and ground reserved for the necessary pathways.*

Mr. C. Krishna Aiyar (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that, as the *ozhukus* of the *puthuval* lands registered by the Settlement Department had been destroyed, there were no means of finding out the boundaries of the lands except by the divide-plans. These, having been prepared nearly 17 years ago, were in a considerably damaged condition, owing to rough use at the hands of the Accountants. Taking advantage of the difficulty in procuring divide-plans, the strong man trespassed upon the property of his weaker neighbour; and in the absence of sufficient means for defining and distinguishing the property of one man from that of another, the weaker man failed to get justice even in the Courts. Again, the Forest Officers were asking for information regarding boundaries before issuing passes for the removal of timber. The Member therefore requested that a re-survey might be ordered of all the *puthuval* lands.

Dewan—Will it not be sufficient to ask the staff who will be specially deputed to bring up the arrears of the Land Records Maintenance work to attend to this?

Member—It will not be enough.

Dewan—In a recent G. O., it has been ordered that, from 1st Dhanu 1085, a sketch of every *puthuval* land, to be registered after that date, shall be prepared by the Tahsildar and appended to the *ozhuku* of such land. Will not that be sufficient?

Member—No. That will not meet the evil, I mean, the confusion in regard to the *puthuval* lands already registered.

Dewan—Do you then want a regular re-survey?

Member—Yes. The confusion will increase if registration of *puthuval* land continues to be carried on.

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Dewan—So you suggest that all *puthuval* registry should be stopped till the confusion in the land records is cleared up, *i. e.*, you want to work up from where the Survey Department left us up to the date of the G. O. of Dhanu 1085? I shall consider that.

Member—According to the present Rules, those who effect improvements on *puthuval* lands can have the same registered in their names. In a Circular of 1080, it has been stated that, in spite of improvements effected on a land, the prior applicant for it is entitled to have it. This conflict leads to hardship.

Dewan—The Circular has to be interpreted along with the Puthuval Rules.

Member—According to the existing practice, no paths are allowed, in registering *puthuval* lands. The lands surveyed and registered first have had no pathways provided; hence the difficulty to acquire lands further in. The Member therefore prayed that small pathways might be ordered to be provided in connection with the registry of *puthuval* lands.

Dewan's reply.—I shall refer the whole question to the Peishkar. I am very glad to see that the Member has so carefully studied his question.

4. ***Whether Government have the right to sell one estate for the arrears of tax due on another, both being registered in the name of one owner.***

Mr. D. G. Cameron (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) asked if Government could sell one property for the arrears of tax due on another. The Member said that such an arrangement tended to much hardship. The Member said that a case like this had actually occurred and that he was not aware of such a law in any other country.

Dewan's reply.—Government have the right to sell *any* property of a defaulter, which they can lay their hands on and which is of some value, in order to recover their dues, if they find that the property, the tax for which has fallen in arrears, will not fetch the full amount due. This is the law in British India also. The particular case you refer to will be decided on its merits in due course.

5. ***That Government should recognise the alienations of Kandukrishi lands already made.***

Mr. Krishnan Narayanan (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) said that the lands attached to the Ambalapuzha Kandukrishi comprised 95,000 paras of wet land and 150 gardens. Most of these lands had been alienated by the original registry holders on sale, mortgage &c., in favour of others. Some Kandukrishi lands had been relinquished by their original holders and some had passed from the hands of the original holders under the decrees of the Civil

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